

**REMARKS**

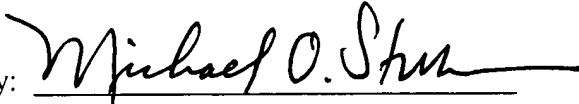
Claims 1-17 are indicated as being allowable and remain in the application. Claims 18-23 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Accordingly, a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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